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SN 10/014,927 entitled "Splicing Factor" by Barta et al.

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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- 1. Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Dated December 15, 2003;
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED DECEMBER 15, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 15, 2003, for which the date for response is January 15, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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